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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/186,973

Applicant(s)

HEINEN ET AL.

Examiner

Suk-San Foong

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 14-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).
3. Claims 14-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ariam et al. '151 in view of Khandros et al. '861 and Dalal et al. '423 as previously applied, and further in view of DiStefano et al. '764.

Ariam et al. '151, Khandros et al. '861, and Dalal et al. '423 are applied as previously stated to be applied to claims 14-18 in the rejection under 35 USC 103(a) in the Office action mailed 3/14/02.

The combination does not teach the application of radiant energy interposer prior to aligning interposer with solder balls on semiconductor wafer.

DiStefano et al. teach a method of forming circuit panels with interposers which includes preheating interposers 12 individually (Figs. 1 and 3) before aligning interposers 12 to circuit panels 10 (Col. 13, line 65 to line 6).

It would have been within the scope to one ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of DiStefano et al. with the combination because it would enable preheating interposers prior to alignment step of the combination to be performed.

Response to Amendment

4. Applicant argues that the combination relied on for the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103 mailed 3/14/02 does not include “the feature of said wavelength causing the wafer to heat more rapidly than said interposer”; however, the same materials would be treated in the same manner as in the instant invention. Therefore, the recited result would be obtained.

5. Applicant argues that the combination does not include “the feature of providing an adhesive layer having first and second opposite surfaces and a multitude of electrically conductive fibers extending through electrically nonconductive material from said first surface to said second surface of the layer while remaining insulated from adjacent fibers”; however, Arima et al. ‘151 use of conductive paste containing fibers in place of solder balls 12 to selectively connect the chip to the interposer (Col 10, lines 51-57).

6. Applicant arguments regarding claim 20 have been addressed in the rejections of claim 14-20 in the Office action mailed 3/14/02. The advantages argued by the applicant would not be

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obtained by prior heating and cooling to the original temperature of the interposer which is encompassed by the instant claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Suk-San Foong whose telephone number is 703-305-0383. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wael Fahmy can be reached on 703-308-4918. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-7722 (7724, 3431, 3432).

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0956.

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August 12, 2002


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